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- 2 CHAIRMAN MARINO: The Review Board will hear oral
- argument in the Clayton, Missouri, proceeding.
- Who is going to argue for the Petitioner, NAACP,
- 5 this morning?
- 6 MR. HONIG: David Honig, Your Honor.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MARINO: And for the Licensee, KFUO,
- 8 KFUO-FM?
- 9 MS. SCHMELTZER: Kathryn Schmeltzer of the firm
- 10 Fisher, Wayland, Cooper, Leader & Zaragoza.
- 11 CHAIRMAN MARINO: And for the Mass Media Bureau?
- MR. ZAUNER: Robert A. Zauner.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Okay.
- Mr. Honig, do you want to begin? And how much
- time do you want to reserve for rebuttal?
- MR. HONIG: Seven minutes.
- 17 May it please the Board.
- 18 First realizing that this may be the last argument
- 19 that this tribunal hears, I know I speak for all of the
- 20 practitioners in the room and wishing to wish the Board God
- 21 speed.
- 22 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Thank you.
- 23 MR. HONIG: And thank you for having been there
- 24 all these years to provide us with quidance and help us do
- 25 our task better.

1	When the Commission created this body in August
2	1962, it could not imagine the changes that have occurred in
3	the industry and the change in meaning of what a broadcast
4	license is.
5	Two years after this Board was created, the
6	Commission modified its rules and said the functioning of
7	the Review Board has been a source of satisfaction to the
8	Commission. By virtue of delegations of authority made to
9	the Board in hearing proceedings, the Commission has been
10	enabled to devote a larger portion of its time and energies
11	to major matters of policy and planning with the cases of
12	adjudication involving issues of general communications'
13	importance.
14	Could the Commission ever have imagined that here
15	we would be, more than 30 years later, considering what is
16	perhaps the greatest possible issue of general
17	communications' importance. That issue being what is a
18	broadcast license? Is it a privilege or is it a right?
19	And after deregulation, which is essentially
20	complete after yesterday, with President Clinton's signing
21	of the bill, when a radio station need only comply with two
22	major substantive requirements, that it tell the truth to
23	the Commission, and that it not engage in race
24	discrimination by practice or policy.
25	Is there a policy that the Commission will have of

- 1 enforcing those bedrock requirements in such a way that the
- 2 intent of Congress, in enacting Section 309, will be
- 3 effectuated, and that is that a licensee that doesn't obey
- 4 those bedrock requirements, no matter how long tenured that
- 5 licensee may be, and no matter whether the licensee
- attempted to rescue itself much later, it's not entitled to
- 7 renewal and it is entitled to defend its record and to try
- 8 to show rehabilitation in a subsequent proceeding where it
- 9 competes with other applicants.
- I want to begin by pointing out that Section
- 11 2080(a) of the Rule that we're discussing today has two
- 12 sentences. "Equal opportunity in employment shall be
- afforded by all licensees or permittees." And then it goes
- on, "And no person shall be discriminated against in
- 15 employment by such stations."
- 16 This case is about the first of those two
- 17 sentences.
- The Commission, when it designated this
- 19 proceeding, knew that there had been no individual
- 20 complaints. Indeed, there had been, for all they knew, no
- 21 minorities that applied. What it knew was that there was a
- 22 written policy, something very rare these days in the law of
- 23 discrimination.
- There had been written statements, unknown to it
- as yet, relating to religious preferences that were

- 1 contained in files that later came out in discovery. And it
- 2 certainly knew that there had been a written statement in
- 3 the pleadings going to a perception that people of a certain
- 4 color might be less likely to have classical music
- 5 expertise.
- 6 MS. GREENE: Mr. Honig, let me interrupt you for
- 7 just a minute and go back to a statement you made just a
- 8 moment ago that the rule is about two things, equal
- 9 opportunity and non-discrimination.
- 10 And you said that this case turns on equal
- opportunity, and we're not talking about then
- 12 discrimination?
- MR. HONIG: No. The rule has two components, non-
- 14 discrimination and affirmative action. Within the non-
- discrimination component, there are two sub-components. One
- that states "Equal opportunity shall be afforded." That's
- 17 policy, irrespective of whether there is a named victim.
- 18 And the second sentence speaks to "No person, an individual,
- 19 shall be discriminated against." <u>Catoctin</u> was the second.
- MS. GREENE: And you're telling us, for this
- 21 argument, that we're not talking about any allegations or
- 22 any issue of discrimination against any individuals.
- 23 MR. HONIG: We know of no individual, because in
- 24 fact it would be ironic if the only way -- if in a case like
- 25 this, because a policy of discrimination is so perfect, that

- 1 no minorities even apply. Then that's acceptable. But only
- in a case like <u>Catoctin</u>, where someone accidentally walks in
- 3 the door and then is brave enough to come forward and it's
- 4 less than 15 employees, so the Commission, rather than the
- 5 EEOC has to do it, would you ever have your license be at
- 6 risk.
- 7 Let me turn to what the Commission said in the
- 8 Hearing Designation Order, because I think that points out
- 9 the fundamental flaw in the Judge's reasoning.
- The Commission knew of course that there were no
- 11 named victims but it knew what its policy was. And it knew
- 12 what pleadings were filed and what was said about this
- 13 stereotype, for which there was no evidence. And it said
- 14 that "Since the decision not to recruit was based apparently
- on this stereotype, it would appear" -- I'm quoting page
- 16 923, paragraph 25 of the Hearing Designation Order -- "It
- would appear that the licensee's reasons for its failure to
- 18 conduct recruitment at the FM station are inherently
- 19 discriminatory and not based on the results of any actual
- 20 recruitment efforts."
- 21 That poses --
- 22 MS. GREENE: Isn't that the issue that was
- 23 designated for hearing as opposed to a conclusion that's
- 24 drawn?
- 25 MR. HONIG: No. The Commission did not say "We

- want the Judge to determine whether this is inherently
- discriminatory." The law of the case is that this policy,
- 3 written and filed with the Commission and explored through
- 4 four letters, was inherently discriminatory. It's more akin
- 5 to what happens when you have a dark station. The
- 6 Commission doesn't designate a dark station case by saying,
- 7 "We want the Judge to find out whether the station was
- 8 dark." It will say, "The station was inherently dark."
- At that point, it should be an easy case. Was it
- 10 dark? Was it your station? Were you responsible? And
- 11 that's it.
- This should have been an easy case then. If it's
- inherently discriminatory, then they're entitled to a
- 14 hearing on the question of was it your station, was it your
- 15 policy, was this a frolic or a detour by your lawyers? And
- 16 that's it.
- 17 MS. GREENE: I want to go back to the language
- 18 that you just read to us. "It would appear that the
- 19 licensee's reasons are inherently discriminatory."
- Dropping to paragraph 26, at the bottom of the
- 21 page 123, which you're reading, "In view of the foregoing,"
- the discussion of why it would appear there are problems,
- 23 "it appears that there are substantial material questions of
- 24 fact. These questions must be resolved in a hearing
- 25 proceeding."

1 Isn't the ultimate question to be resol	lved whether
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- or not the practices and policies were discriminatory?
- 3 MR. HONIG: It appears that substantial questions
- 4 of fact and so forth exist as to whether the policies are
- 5 discriminatory in violation.
- 6 What the Commission found was that they were
- 7 inherently discriminatory and what the hearing was for was
- 8 to find out whether this inherently discriminatory policy
- 9 violated the EEO rule. And that should have been a simple
- 10 hearing.
- 11 What the Judge was not permitted to do was to take
- that language and then go back and start all over.
- Let me explain how that happened. The words
- "inherently discriminatory" have a well-established meaning
- in the cases. In several appeals cases, there's a long line
- of them that basically say, "Construing whether inherently
- 17 discriminatory behavior or policies would violate the
- 18 Commission's rules and policies and the policies of the
- 19 Act."
- 20 Courts have repeatedly said, and this is the
- language of Bilingual II at page 629, 595 and 621.
- 22 "Intentional discriminatory almost invariably would
- 23 disqualify a broadcaster from a position of public
- 24 trusteeship."
- 25 The Judge did --

- 1 MS. GREENE: But if I understand your argument,
- you are telling me that the Hearing Designation Order
- 3 language, that it appears that this is inherently
- 4 discriminatory, is the conclusion.
- 5 MR. HONIG: It is a conclusion of law, based on
- facts which at that point were right before the --
- 7 MS. GREENE: Facts which are to be pursued in
- 8 hearing to determine whether the licensee had discriminatory
- 9 intent.
- 10 MR. HONIG: No. It's inherently discriminatory.
- 11 The Commission found that. That's done. At that point it's
- whether it violates the rule that the Commission designated.
- And the rule says, "Equal opportunity shall be afforded."
- 14 Did that afford equal opportunity?
- But that's not what the Judge did. What he said,
- and I refer you to page 9908 of the Initial Decision,
- 17 paragraph 198, where the Judge says, "The HDO apparently
- 18 considered this argument relating to classical music as
- inherently discriminatory; however, the advancement of such
- 20 an argument in and of itself does not establish a
- 21 discriminatory mind-set."
- That's an attempt to rewrite and to overrule the
- 23 Hearing Designation Order. And that's not what judges are
- 24 permitted to do. That's the law of the case. It's not the
- 25 Judge's province to say that he disagrees that it's

- inherently discriminatory. That's his starting point.
- 2 The Commission certainly knew that there were no
- 3 individual allegations of discrimination by specific people
- 4 who wouldn't have known necessarily of this policy and thus
- 5 wouldn't have known they were discriminated against. That's
- 6 how discrimination typically works.
- 7 Let me add further, if there's any doubt that what
- 8 we're talking about is "what is policy" rather than an
- 9 individual case.
- On page 9888 of the Hearing Designation Order,
- 11 there you have --
- 12 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Which page? I'm sorry.
- MR. HONIG: It's 9888, paragraph 66.
- 14 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Thank you.
- MR. HONIG: There is set out the statements that
- are made in the model EEO program which was tracked by this
- 17 licensee and virtually all licensees. It is the policy of
- 18 KFUO and KFUO-FM, to provide equal opportunity.
- 19 MS. GREENE: We're hearing some confusion as to --
- 20 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Could we back up again?
- MR. HONIG: Sure.
- CHAIRMAN MARINO: I asked you, and I can't find
- your citation. And apparently Ms. Greene can't either.
- What are you reading from?
- 25 MR. HONIG: The Initial Decision.

- 1 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Oh, the Initial Decision. Okay.
- 2 I thought you meant the Designation Order.
- 3 MR. HONIG: No, I'm sorry.
- 4 MS. GREENE: What paragraph?
- 5 MR. HONIG: Paragraph 198 of the Initial Decision.
- 6 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Thank you.
- 7 MR. HONIG: If I said HDO I apologize.
- 8 CHAIRMAN MARINO: That's all right.
- 9 MR. HONIG: Okay.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MARINO: We've got it straightened out.
- 11 MR. HONIG: The policy itself is set out on
- 12 page -- the station said it adopted -- was set out on page
- 13 9888 in paragraph 66.
- I mention this because one piece of evidence going
- to whether there's discrimination that the Commission has
- pointed out in a number of cases starting with Albany Radio,
- 17 for example, Metroplex in '84, is whether the licensee
- behaves in such a way as to cover it up, as to not be candid
- 19 about it, not to be completely candid. In fact, the first
- 20 time it's challenged.
- 21 Here you have explicit statements, virtually after
- deregulation in '81, all that the Commission has to rely on
- anymore with a postcard renewal on whether under 309(e) they
- 24 can renew or not renew, is whether these words "It is the
- 25 policy to provide equal employment opportunity" are true and

- 1 mean anything. And the Judge found correctly that that
- 2 wasn't really their policy.
- Now, this brings us back --
- 4 MS. GREENE: When you're discussing this,
- 5 distinguish between policy and practice, because I think
- 6 those are two distinct points that we have to look at in
- 7 this case.
- 8 TIMEKEEPER: Mr. Honiq, I just want to interrupt
- 9 one second to say he is up to his rebuttal time.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Fine.
- Go ahead. We'll give you some time for rebuttal
- if you need it, but answer Ms. Greene's question.
- MR. HONIG: The policy was stated in the internal
- 14 files, Lutheran's preferred, which we'll emphasize is
- 15 virtually the same as saying Jews, Catholics and so forth
- not preferred -- was stated in the employment application
- 17 forms. That is also a practice because that's a document
- 18 which is shared with job applicants who would then see it
- and, as most human beings, since they don't go where they're
- 20 not wanted, may have just turned away.
- 21 So in that sense, it's mostly just written policy
- concealed until it came out in this case, but there's also
- 23 some elements of practice.
- 24 Thank you very much.
- 25 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Let me ask you about your

- 1 arguments.
- 2 You haven't touched your first argument. What
- 3 exactly are you asking us to do under point (a) of your
- 4 brief? Are you asking us to remand this case back to the
- 5 Chief ALJ for reassignment to some other Administrative Law
- Judge? You've got some rhetoric at the beginning which
- 7 seems to imply that that's what you want to do.
- 8 MR. HONIG: In the alternative.
- 9 CHAIRMAN MARINO: What do you want us to do?
- 10 MR. HONIG: In the alternative. If you are able
- 11 to find, and I think you have discretion to find, that even
- on this flawed record there is sufficient reason to deny
- renewal, of course we want you do that now.
- If you feel that there's not enough in this
- record, then I would hope that you'd turn to the flaws in
- the record and remand for additional proceedings.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MARINO: But to the extent that you quote
- from the United Church of Christ, I mean you don't say it
- 19 yourself in so many words, but are you alleging that this
- 20 Judge was biased?
- 21 MR. HONIG: No. I don't think the Judge was
- 22 biased in the sense of racially biased or -- and certainly
- 23 not in the sense of favoring one side over another for
- 24 impermissible reasons. Absolutely not.
- 25 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Okay.

- 1 MR. HONIG: I think though, that it's fair to say
- 2 that from the rulings and from the construction of the HDO
- 3 that the Judge didn't understand what discrimination is and
- 4 how it works. Many people don't.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MARINO: That's fair enough. Thank you.
- 6 MR. HONIG: That's not bias.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MARINO: And if you had another point or
- 8 two that you wanted to cover --
- 9 MR. HONIG: I'll hold it.
- 10 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Okay.
- 11 MR. HONIG: I'll hold it.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MARINO: You have your full seven minutes
- 13 for rebuttal.
- MR. HONIG: Thank you, sir.
- 15 Ms. Schmeltzer.
- 16 MS. SCHMELTZER: Sir.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MARINO: While we're tidying up these
- 18 briefs, let me ask you about your procedural arguments.
- MS. SCHMELTZER: May I just say that I'm reserving
- 20 three minutes for rebuttal.
- 21 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Yes, sure.
- 22 MS. SCHMELTZER: And I'd also like to introduce
- 23 some quests in the courtroom today. We have Reverend Paul
- 24 Devantier, who is the Executive Director of the Board for
- 25 Communications Services of the Lutheran Church, Missouri

- 1 Synod, and we also have Mr. Roland Eggerding, who is the
- 2 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Broadcast for the
- 3 Board for Communications Services.
- 4 CHAIRMAN MARINO: If we accept your last three
- 5 arguments, what do we do with this case? Or your last three
- 6 points. Vacate the Designation Order, scrap the record and
- 7 start --
- 8 MS. SCHMELTZER: On the constitutional issue and
- 9 the -- I think that the Commission needs to seriously
- 10 reconsider its EEO rules as they apply to religious
- 11 broadcasting.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Did you ask the Commission in a
- 13 timely fashion to do that in this case? Did you at any
- 14 point in the pre-hearing stage, which went on for years,
- 15 suggest to the Commission that <u>King's Garden</u> was no longer
- 16 good law?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: We have -- well, first of all,
- 18 the Church was trying to comply with the Commission's EEO
- 19 rules over the years as best it could. It was not until the
- 20 middle of the hearing that the actual intrusion upon the
- 21 Church's processes became very evident, when the positions,
- when the Church was subjected to cross-examination about
- which positions deserved religious preferences.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MARINO: But what --
- 25 MS. SCHMELTZER: We did make an argument right at

1	the	hearing	that	we	felt	that	that	was	intrusive
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- 2 CHAIRMAN MARINO: But as far as the Commission was
- 3 concerned and as far as what the Church argued to the
- 4 Commission, you never put the Commission on notice that you
- 5 had any questions about <u>King's Garden</u>. In fact, didn't the
- 6 Church invoke <u>King's Garden</u> in its defense in paragraph 21
- 7 of the Designation Order?
- 8 MS. SCHMELTZER: The Church did invoke King's
- 9 Garden. Quite frankly, I don't think that the Judge applied
- 10 King's Garden. When the Judge looked at the record in this
- 11 proceeding, he looked at all the positions that became
- 12 available and he didn't give us credit for those positions
- that were hired based on a need for theology.
- MS. GREENE: I have a question along that line.
- Is the special qualification, the need for
- theology or the need for membership in the Church, a reason
- 17 not to also consider people who have that qualification and
- who meet the Commission's concern that the Church make an
- 19 effort to recruit people who also represent a diversity of
- 20 population?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: And the Church believes that it
- 22 was doing that. The Church was very successful in
- 23 recruiting minorities. As the Judge found during the first
- 24 part of the license period up until 1987, the Church had
- 25 hired at over 100 percent of parity. The Church was

- 1 successful in recruiting people among the -- from the
- 2 religious sources, such as the International Center, which
- 3 had a record of being 12 percent minority, through the
- 4 Lutheran magazines and publications. And we also used other
- 5 recruitment sources during that period of time.
- 6 MS. GREENE: Did you use the source that went
- 7 specifically to minority members of the Lutheran Church, the
- 8 authority of those organizations for recruitment?
- 9 MS. SCHMELTZER: We used general Lutheran sources
- that were distributed to all members, including minority
- 11 members of the Lutheran Church, yes.
- 12 Let me just say that I think the prevailing
- 13 constitutional and statutory law in this area is very clear.
- 14 Section 702 creates a very broad exemption for religious
- 15 broadcasters.
- MS. GREENE: That's under Title VII.
- 17 MS. SCHMELTZER: That's under Title VII.
- 18 MS. GREENE: And what responsibility does this
- 19 Commission have to enforce Title 7 or to apply Title VII?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: I think that this Commission does
- 21 have a responsibility. At the time that the King's Garden
- 22 case came up, the premise of the majority opinion was that
- 23 Title VII was unconstitutional. That was later shattered in
- the Amos case, which found that Section 702 was
- 25 constitutional.

- 1 CHAIRMAN MARINO: But that was in 1988, Ms.
- 2 Schmeltzer.
- 3 MS. SCHMELTZER: 1987.
- 4 CHAIRMAN MARINO: '88 or '87. The licensee knew
- 5 about it when this case was being argued before the
- 6 Commission at the pre-designation stage. And if the
- 7 licensee really believed that <u>Kinq's Garden</u> is no longer
- 8 good law, that was the time to raise it. The Commission
- 9 could then have factored it into the Designation Order and
- 10 the ALJ would have had some guidance, the Board would have
- 11 had some quidance.
- But to rely on <u>King's Garden</u> in your pre-hearing
- 13 pleadings, and then at the hearing counter with the argument
- 14 that King's Garden is now no longer good law doesn't seem to
- 15 be the kind of practice that's permitted under the rules, is
- 16 it?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: Well, I don't think that the
- 18 Commission can say to the licensee that they're going to
- 19 find that the licensee erred in any fashion in this case.
- 20 First of all, the Religious Freedom Restoration
- 21 Act, which also reinforced the Section 702 exemption, was
- not released until 1993. And that Act, which has been
- 23 upheld in the 9th Circuit recently, and which has been
- 24 declared to be retroactive, clearly governs this situation.
- I don't think that the Commission can now say, well, we're

- going to hold you to King's Garden because you didn't argue
- 2 back in 1990 that it was unconstitutional.
- The Commission has to look at this in a fair
- 4 manner and apply the constitution.
- 5 MS. GREENE: Well, even if you are correct in your
- 6 argument about King's Garden and Amos, that does not
- 7 preclude this Commission from considering the general
- 8 outreach effort under its EEO rules with the exception of
- 9 the religious qualifications.
- 10 MS. SCHMELTZER: But it is our position that we
- should be exempt under the Amos case.
- MS. GREENE: From all scrutiny on your EEO
- 13 practices?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: Well, as long as we don't
- 15 discriminate. And the Church does not discriminate. The
- 16 Church has a long --
- 17 MS. GREENE: How does the Commission --
- 18 CHAIRMAN MARINO: But that doesn't make sense --
- 19 I'm sorry.
- MS. GREENE: How does the Commission look at that
- 21 issue then?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: As long as --
- MS. GREENE: For a religious practice.
- 24 MS. SCHMELTZER: As long as the Church does not
- 25 discriminate, as long as the Church recruits through sources

- 1 that don't discriminate, then the --
- MS. GREENE: Is there any obligation under our EEO
- 3 rules to affirmatively recruit from sources known to reach
- 4 into minority and female communities?
- 5 MS. SCHMELTZER: We've done that. The Church has
- 6 not been quilty of either discrimination or a lack of
- 7 affirmative efforts. And I would like to --
- 8 MS. GREENE: I think we need to talk some about
- 9 the affirmative efforts because I think that's one of the --
- 10 certainly the issues that the ALJ found wanting, and
- 11 something I think we can agree is relevant here.
- MS. SCHMELTZER: All right. There were two
- 13 respects in which the Judge concluded that the Church lacked
- 14 candor. One was in describing the minority recruitment
- 15 program in the '89 renewal applications. And the second was
- in informing the Commission in pleadings that classical
- 17 music was a requirement for the position of salesperson at
- 18 the FM station.
- 19 And we think that based on both the facts and the
- 20 law that the Judge's lack-of-candor finding has to be
- 21 reversed with respect to those two findings.
- Let me turn first to what Mr. Honig has raised,
- 23 which is the classical music argument.
- According to Mr. Honig, we have to take the HDO as
- 25 a conclusion and that is simply not the case. The Hearing

1 Designation Order was based on a very limited se	3et	ΟĪ	facts
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- 2 that the Commission had before it. It did not even have --
- 3 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Wasn't it based on an admission
- 4 made by counsel and the licensee that this is the reason why
- our numbers don't look so good, because we have this
- 6 problem?
- 7 MS. SCHMELTZER: What the licensee had argued, and
- 8 I would not say it was an admission, the licensee had argued
- 9 that they do hire people with theological background for
- theological positions. It's our contention there's nothing
- 11 wrong with that.
- 12 And the licensee had argued that the FM station
- was a classical music station for which they desired
- 14 classical music experience.
- Now, it was a disinterested third party --
- 16 CHAIRMAN MARINO: But unfortunately there was
- further embellishment on that, wasn't there?
- MS. SCHMELTZER: But it was argued --
- 19 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Maybe it was an unfortunate
- 20 embellishment, but there was, and in this area there is only
- 21 a certain amount of people who have classical music
- 22 knowledge a particular minority group may not have.
- I mean that was all in the pleadings that were
- 24 filed at the pre-designation stage before the Commission,
- 25 right?

- 1 MS. SCHMELTZER: Yes. Let me address that point.
- 2 CHAIRMAN MARINO: Sure.
- MS. SCHMELTZER: First of all, it was argument of
- 4 counsel. And in the Fox Television case, the Court said
- 5 that we are not going to infer a lack of candor because of
- 6 argument of counsel.
- 7 MS. GREENE: But we need to go back to the source
- 8 of the argument of counsel. I don't think we can overlook
- 9 that. And would you address Mr. Stortz' role in providing
- information to counsel, in reviewing drafts prepared by
- 11 counsel, and in preparing an affidavit saying this is an
- 12 accurate reflection of our requirements, our policy.
- MS. SCHMELTZER: The way it evolved was that Ms.
- 14 Cranberg said to Ms. Stortz, "Do you have any requirements
- 15 for any of your positions? Are there any specialized
- 16 requirements?" And he said, "Well, we do have the theology,
- and we have a classical music requirement."
- Now, perhaps -- Ms. Cranberg candidly admitted
- 19 that she would have made the same argument had she used the
- word "preference" instead of "requirement."
- MS. GREENE: But the response came from Mr.
- 22 Stortz. Now, Mr. Stortz has been at the station for a long
- time and is in, I assume, a management position. He's been
- 24 operations manager, acting general manager, general manager
- of the station, so he's not unfamiliar.